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Our Mayor and City Council

Mayor Charlie Latham

Chris Hoffman
Seat 1

Phil Vogelsang
Seat 2

Keith Doherty
Seat 3

Bruce Thomason
Seat 4

Jeanell Wilson
Seat 5

Lee Buck
Seat 6
The City of Jacksonville Beach operates under a Council-Manager form of government, the most common form of government for small cities in the United States. It is designed to operate like a corporation: The City Council acting as the Board of Directors and the City Manager as the Chief Operating Officer.

The City Manager, George D. Forbes, as the Chief Operating Officer of the city, is charged with carrying out the policies made by Council and managing the day-to-day operations of the city. He prepares the annual budget for council approval and hires city employees.

Jacksonville Beach City Manager Mr. Forbes is the City’s longest serving city manager in its history dating back to our first City Manager in 1937. Mr. Forbes has dedicated his adult life to serving communities and has 40 years of public service. On March 14, 2018, Mr. Forbes will complete his 23rd year as our city manager. Congratulations Mr. Forbes on your achievement.
This annual report for calendar year 2017 documents activities and efforts by employees of the Jacksonville Beach Police Department to accomplish the department’s mission, “Working with Citizens for a Safe Community.”

The police department is a nationally-accredited, full-service agency employing over 100 personnel, including 67 full-time police officers and 35 civilian employees. The department has three divisions: Patrol, Detective, and Services.

Police officers assigned to the Patrol Division respond to citizen calls for service and also take proactive steps to prevent crime and capture lawbreakers. They conduct the initial investigation of crimes, write reports, investigate traffic crashes, and issue citations. They try to prevent crimes utilizing patrol efforts by vehicle and on foot, creating a visible law enforcement presence.

Members of the Detective Division conduct follow-up investigations of crimes. General Investigations Team detectives investigate crimes such as homicide, robbery, burglary, theft, etc. Community Response Team detectives primarily investigate vice, narcotics, and quality-of-life crimes. Members of both teams are drawn from the ranks of patrol officers and receive specialized investigative training to handle the more serious crimes reported to the police department. The Downtown CAPE unit is comprised of officers who address numerous issues in our Community Redevelopment Agency area. This unit is very proactive with crime prevention and code enforcement efforts.

Employees assigned to the Services Division provide support services such as radio communications, records keeping, property and evidence maintenance, animal control, school crossing protection for children, and training for employees, among others.

The goal of each employee of the police department is to help create a safe community for every person who lives in, works in, or visits Jacksonville Beach. We encourage interested persons to contact any member of the police department with recommendations for improvements in the services we provide.
Statement of Values

“Working with Citizens for a Safe Community”

Members of the Jacksonville Beach Police Department subscribe to values which we believe are essential to accomplish our mission. Those values, and their meanings, include the following:

COMPASSION
We will be understanding of and sympathetic to the needs of all our citizens.

DEPENDABILITY
Our words and deeds can be relied upon to meet the highest law enforcement standards. We will always do what we say we will do.

HIGH MORAL CHARACTER
Our actions, both on and off duty, will demonstrate honesty and decency at all times.

INITIATIVE
We will continually seek new and better ways to serve our citizens.

INTEGRITY
We will hold ourselves, both individually and collectively, accountable to our citizens.

PROFESSIONALISM
A key value that expresses our determination to achieve the highest standards demanded in order to earn public trust.

SELF-IMPROVEMENT
Each member of the department is a work in progress. Every statement we make, every action we take, will reflect our efforts to improve ourselves; to be a shining example of the best that law enforcement has to offer.
Police Officer of the Year
2017

Dustin Kling
Detective GIT

Police Officer of the Quarter
2017

Benjamin Conner
First Quarter

Anthony Cooper
Second Quarter

Erin Filbert
Third Quarter

Travis Brown
Fourth Quarter
Civilian Employee of the Year 2017

Lauren Cashour
Staff Assistant

Civilian Employee of the Quarter 2017

Ricardo Pizarro
First Quarter

Kelsey Eberle
Second Quarter

Lauren Cashour
Third Quarter

Beverly Taylor
Fourth Quarter
Volunteers of the Year
2017

Volunteer of the Quarter
2017

Edith Goldi
CPAAA

Edith Goldi
First Quarter

Jimmy Durham
Second Quarter

Mike Zonis
Third Quarter

Ernie Florig
Fourth Quarter
Administrative Division
Command Staff

Steven Corbitt
Commander
Services Division
29 Years

Mark Evans
Commander
Patrol Division
28 Years

Gene Paul Smith
Commander
Detective Division
23 Years

Administrative Division
Support Personnel

Jennifer Zdunkiewicz
Administrative Assistant
23 Years

Lauren Cashour
Staff Assistant
1 Year

Sandra King
Staff Assistant
3 Years
Patrol Sergeants

Thomas Bingham, Jr.  
Patrol Sergeant  
21 Years

Keith Brown  
Patrol Sergeant  
18 Years

Anthony Dziedzicki  
Patrol Sergeant  
18 Years

Paul Watkins  
Patrol Sergeant  
21 Years

Homer Morodomi  
Patrol Sergeant  
20 Years

Keith Shackelford, Sr.  
Patrol Sergeant  
17 Years
Patrol Corporals

David Cohill
Patrol Corporal
5 Years

Morris Ingle
Patrol Corporal
24 Years

William Eierman
Patrol Corporal
15 Years

Andrew Lavender
Patrol Corporal
16 Years

Anthony Martin
Patrol Corporal
6 Years

Yvonne Santiago
Patrol Corporal
15 Years
Community Response Team (C.R.T.) detectives address special problems such as illegal narcotics, prostitution, criminal transient investigations, and burglary and robbery surveillances. They concentrate their resources on the problem while taking full advantage of team members’ special skills and knowledge.
The General Investigations Team (G.I.T.) is comprised of highly-trained detectives who investigate offenses ranging from burglary and theft to homicide. They also track and notify the community of any sexual offenders and predators that live in the city.
Eleven sworn law enforcement officers, a sergeant, two corporals, and eight patrol officers comprise the Downtown Community Assisted Policing Effort (Downtown C.A.P.E.). Officers assigned to Downtown C.A.P.E. actively patrol the downtown area on foot, on Segways, in marked patrol vehicles, SUVs, and ATVs. They maintain close contact with business owners and residents to help find solutions to crime problems that affect the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

The officers have also been educated in the areas of code enforcement and crime prevention which has added greatly to their capabilities. This has given the officers the ability to instruct businesses and residents on methods for taking a proactive role in deterring crime in the community. This holistic approach to deterring or preventing crimes has had a positive effect on the area.

The unit also participated in several events in the community to enhance the public’s awareness regarding the unit and its activities. During bicycle rodeos, the officers instructed participants on bicycle safety and the importance of wearing helmets. They also provided young children and their parents an avenue for positive contact with law enforcement officers.

This year the unit again proactively taught “Responsible Vending” regarding alcohol to several establishments and employees. This program aided in teaching the value of responsible vending and the part establishments play in safeguarding the community against excessive service.

The Officers of Downtown C.A.P.E.!
Downtown Community Assisted Policing Effort
Officers in the Community
The Community Assisted Policing Effort (C.A.P.E.) program was founded in 1991 to address quality-of-life crimes in the Pablo Beach, South, neighborhood. There is one full-time police officer and one part-time Community Service Officer assigned to this unit. They provide much needed assistance to the community, including active patrol, community clean-ups, assistance to the elderly, mentoring the youth, and much more.

Anthony Cooper
C.A.P.E. Officer
6 Years

Jacksonville Beach Carver Center

Samuel Owens
Community Service Officer
39 Years (Part-Time)
## Community Response Team

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NOTE: C.R.T. was assigned to Downtown Task Force operations from March through September.

## General Investigations Team

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<td>Total Cases Cleared</td>
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Detective Division
Statistics

Downtown C.A.P.E.

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<td>Misdemeanor Arrests</td>
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<td>Business Contacts</td>
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<td>Juvenile Citations</td>
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<td>Bicycle Patrol Hours</td>
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The Services Division encompasses many roles in the agency to include Recruiting, Training, Crime Prevention, Property and Evidence, Animal Control, Communications, Records, and Volunteer Services. The division’s efforts concentrate on providing non-emergency services to the citizens of the community. They utilize their resources to respond to problems while taking full advantage of team members’ special skills and knowledge.
Animal Control

The Animal Control Program continued heading in a positive direction again this year. Animal Control Officer Kelsey Eberle has initiated teaching residents and speaking at public meetings about wildlife and other animal control issues. Kelsey was also able to educate the public on nuisance wildlife and the dangers of feeding and interacting with wild animals. Her efforts have increased the health and welfare of the animals in our city while at the same time limiting the exposure of citizens to dangerous animals.

Training Statistics

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Communications Workload History

Communications Workload Comparison for 2016 to 2017

![Bar chart showing workload comparison between 2016 and 2017 for various categories such as Calls for Service, Fire/Rescue, Traffic Stops, 9-1-1 Calls, Calls for Service Police, and Police Response Activity. The chart indicates a significant increase in Police Response Activity workload from 56,813 in 2016 to 82,466 in 2017.]
5 Year Summary of Police Calls for Service and Police Response Activity

![Chart showing the 5-year summary of police calls for service and police response activity.]
## Police Communications Statistics 2016-2017

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<td>Traffic stops</td>
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<td><strong>Phones</strong></td>
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<td>9-1-1 calls</td>
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<td>Non-emergency phone calls</td>
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<td>Wreckers requested</td>
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<td>Repossessions/private tows</td>
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Services Division
Records Section

Betty Lucas
Records Supervisor
20 Years

Beverly Franklin
Records Specialist
5 Years

Cathy Healey
Records Specialist
4 Years

Eliana Englehart-Silva
Records Specialist
6 Months (Part-time)
# Crime and Traffic Statistics

## POLICE ACTIVITY

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## CRIMINAL OFFENSES

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<td>Assault/Battery</td>
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<td>Larceny</td>
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<td>798</td>
<td>942</td>
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<td>Arrest Charges for Drug Violations</td>
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## ARRESTED PERSONS

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<td>Juvenile</td>
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<td>Total Arrests</td>
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## DUI OFFENSES

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## TRAFFIC/PARKING

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*NOTE: From 2015 to 2016, conveyance burglaries increased from 240 to 330 (34% increase) causing overall burglaries to increase from 364 to 500 (27.2% increase). This trend is not isolated to Jacksonville Beach; eastern Jacksonville experienced an increase of 36% from 2015 to 2016.

**NOTE: For years 2013 – 2014, “Traffic Citations” category included both traffic citations and traffic warnings.
The Jacksonville Beach School Crossing Guard program had a new addition to the group this year. John Oswalt was added to the team of wonderful people who help to get the community’s children to school safely.

We would also like to say thank you to all of our volunteers who covered any open shifts due to illnesses. This dedication is what makes our program the top program in Florida.
The Citizen Police Academy began in 1998 with the goal of making citizens more aware of the role of the police department in their community. During the twelve-week course, students learn about patrol operations, investigations, S.W.A.T., K-9, crime scene processing, and so much more. Through 2017, 39 classes have been completed with a total of 1,072 graduates.

Graduates of the Citizen Police Academy are eligible to join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (C.P.A.A.A.). The C.P.A.A.A. was formed by graduates in 2000 as a way to volunteer for the police department and help the community. Last year in 2017, our volunteers combined with the Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.), totaled 11,544 hours of volunteer service to the community.
Citizen Police Academy
Alumni Association

Kam Durham  
President

Ernie Florig  
Vice President

Maralee Fox  
Honorary Director & 
Past President

Margret Warren  
Treasurer

Susan Ryan  
Director

Rose Keyes  
Director

Edith Goldi  
Director

Michael Varady  
Director

Not Pictured: Don Brian  
Secretary
The C.P.A.A.A. and its members organized several annual events for the department in 2017. The first event of the year was the 23rd Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo. Once again the event was an overwhelming success. Children of all ages were able to learn how to fish and participate in numerous activities. The best portion of the event was the interaction between the officers and the children of the community. There were approximately 850 attendees.

The Halloween Party and Kids Christmas Party hosted by the C.P.A.A.A. and the department were some of the best attended events all year. The combined attendance for the events was estimated to be over 2,300 in 2017. Mr. And Mrs. Claus were also in attendance taking photographs with the children. Approximately 1,000 children had their photo taken with Mr. & Mrs. Claus.
Members of the Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) unit are trained volunteers, selected from the C.P.A.A.A., who conduct traffic direction and control, parking enforcement, and proactive patrolling. C.O.P. volunteers receive an initial 65 hours of specialized training on patrolling techniques, Florida laws, traffic control, and report writing. C.O.P. members volunteered approximately 3,841 hours in 2017.
Citizens On Patrol

Mike Hearn  Bunny Hoyle  Donna Jones  Jeff Jones

Rose Keyes  Bill Lee  James Olson  John Oswalt

Susan Ryan  Harvey Warnock  Floyd Wilson  Michael Zonis
S.W.A.T. Team
(Special Weapons and Advanced Tactics)

Police officers assigned to the Special Weapons and Advanced Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.) are selected after completing a mentally and physically challenging process. There must be a unanimous vote by all team members before a new member can be recommended to the S.W.A.T. Commander and Chief of Police for selection. In addition to their regular duties, S.W.A.T. officers must constantly train to maintain their skill level to be able to handle high-level threats and high-stress situations. S.W.A.T. officers also deploy to assist other agencies as a secondary resource in tactical situations which may arise.

Evidence Technician/Traffic Homicide Investigations

Selected members of the department tackle additional duties as evidence technicians or traffic homicide investigators. They utilize specialized training at crime scenes and traffic crashes to collect evidence, take measurements, and use mathematical formulas to ensure thorough and concise investigations.
Honor Guard

The Honor Guard is a highly trained, uniformed group of officers who volunteer their time to honor our fallen heroes. The Honor Guard is responsible for carrying out ceremonial functions involving the police department. These include Color Guard, dedication ceremonies, police funerals, and Police Memorial Week ceremonies. There are currently 14 officers who comprise the Honor Guard. Members come from all divisions of the department.

K-9

The Jacksonville Beach Police Department has two police service dog teams. The dogs and their handlers are carefully chosen and go through a difficult yet challenging certification process before being deployed for patrol service. The dogs are certified in suspect apprehension and drug detection. Additionally, the police service dog is an exceptional asset during any high-risk operation.

5th Annual National Night Out

On August 1st, the department hosted its 5th Annual National Night Out event. There were prizes, games, and other activities for children. The event was a huge success. The event highlighted all of its community public safety departments. The Department also touted our Bike Safety Program, Downtown C.A.P.E. Program, and Crime Prevention Unit. Employees and volunteers fitted and provided free helmets to children who participated in the rodeo. Event attendance was estimated at approximately 500 people for the event.
**Gang Detective**

The juvenile gang detective has the responsibility for conducting truancy sweeps, cleaning up graffiti around the city, and handling gang members. The detective also maintains intelligence files on gang members.

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**Youth Police Academy**

The Youth Police Academy graduated its 19th class in 2017. This is a special program targeted at making a connection with the youth of the community. The children go through a shortened version of the Citizen Police Academy and attend on Saturday mornings. Some of the topics covered are Patrol, K-9, Detectives, Defensive Tactics, and S.W.A.T.

*Above* is Defensive Tactics night, and DT Instructor Cpl Bill Eierman going over our defensive tactics program with children in the class.

*To the right,* Youth Police Academy Class 19.
C.O.P.s and C.P.A.A.A. members at the NNO Event

C.P.A.A.A. members at the Kids Christmas Party

C.P.A.A.A. members filling the bait cups at the fishing rodeo.

C.P.A.A.A. & C.O.P. members at a Bike Rodeo

Dunking booth at the Fishing Rodeo

C.P.A.A.A. members at the Fishing Rodeo
Thank You!
C.P.A.A.A. Volunteers
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Thank you for all that you do for the community!

Dear Members of the Jacksonville Beach Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your hard work and dedication throughout the year. Without you as an association, we would truly not be able to provide the level of service to our citizens that you have afforded. You stand beside us and help us ensure the safety of our community each day. I am truly thankful to have you as a part of our team.

As a part of our Crime Prevention Program, you host our youth events throughout the year. The children’s lives you touch with each youth event will make a positive impression on them and show that others do care. These events host thousands of children each year and touch each member of their families. I truly believe these positive interactions are why we have such a strong bond with our community.

I cannot express how grateful I am for your service to our citizens and to our police department. You should all take pride knowing that you are making a positive difference in our community every day.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year.
Sincerely,

Patrick K. Dooley
Chief of Police
The Police Department was first accredited by the national Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in 1995 and has maintained its accredited status since that time. Each member of the department is responsible for ensuring that policies and procedures are followed. There are over 470 standards the department must meet to remain nationally accredited. The Police Department was awarded Accreditation with Excellence and the Meritorious Award in 2012. During the last accreditation hearing (2015), the agency was once again awarded Accreditation with Excellence, as well as the Meritorious Award.
The award for Meritorious Accreditation is recognition for having been accredited for over 15 years. This was our 20th year being accredited through CALEA as a law enforcement agency. The additional recognition of Accreditation with Excellence was awarded after our agency met or exceeded the following criteria:

- Must have a minimum of two previous consecutive CALEA Accreditation awards;
- Must not have conditions or noncompliance issues resulting from the current or last assessment;
- Current assessment must have been conducted under the CALEA® Gold Standard Assessment model;
- At the time of the current assessment, the agency must be in compliance with 90 percent of all applicable other-than-mandatory standards;
- Current Assessment Report must have limited file maintenance and not more than two applied discretion issues;
- Must not be operating under any active Federal Consent Decree or Memorandum of Understanding, or state-level complementary action;
- Must not currently be affected by issues that detract from the overall tenets or goals of CALEA Accreditation; and
- Must receive a unanimous recommendation of support from the assigned CALEA Review Committee.

The agency is due for its next reaccreditation assessment in April of 2018. The awards banquet and assessment review is scheduled for July of 2018 where we anticipate receiving our 7th reaccreditation award.